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Signature: *M. J. Mullin*Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231-0001RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 22, 2002, the due date for a response to which expires four (4) months from the mailing date of the final rejection, please amend the above-identified application in order to place the application in condition for allowance. A one-month extension of time is also enclosed thereby extending the due date for response to September 19, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 and 20, without prejudice.

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